WENDELL POST

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Citizens Fight High Taxes

The Wendell Taxpayers Association and the Finance Committee held a joint pre-Town Meeting on Monday, August 14, to make recommendations and to open up thoughtful discussion on the Special Town Meeting warrant Articles and related tax issues. Before the meeting, knots of people conversed animatedly among a long string of cars and on the Town Hall steps. At 7:30 the crowd abruptly moved inside to convene the meeting with 34 present, soon added to by latecomers.

Selectman Lewis immediately made the startling announcement that because of new laws requiring public hearings prior to appropriation of revenue sharing monies, there could be no revenue sharing money spent at the Special Town Meeting. Ted also informed the assemblage that next year there will be a reduction in Revenue Sharing money available to Wendell to help defray the cost of capital expenditures.

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Austerity Marks Special Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting held August 15 passed several tests presented to it, besides dealing with the 14 article warrant. Town Meeting members nearly 50 strong met the new quorum voted in at the Annual Town Meeting in May. The Finance Committee in its Town Meeting debut provided firm guidance to deal with the proposed appropriation articles on the warrant.

A decidedly frugal Town Meeting approved spending of only $790. Two articles were mandatory- $400 for Town employees unemployment insurance and $150 for election registrars expenses for the upcoming State Elections. The other $240 was appropriated to the Dump Custodians vacation pay. It was over-looked at the Annual Town Meeting.

Following the recommendation of the Finance Committee, no other appropriation was approved. The new Finance Committee felt that this function should be performed during Annual Town Meeting. This would be a safeguard against special interests using the Special Meetings to gain approval for spending items not desired by the full Town Meeting membership.

This principle was applied toward 3 articles in particular. One, a $30 salary appropriation for the Cemetery Commission and $300 maintenance budgets for the Town Hall, which would allow its use during the winter. Both articles were defeated. Wary of the expense, voters defeated a motion to continue maintenance of Old Farley Rd. by a vote of 33-26

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Letters to the Post

Nuclear Waste On The Rails

STAFF NOTE:

The following letter is related to the Town Ordinance passed by the Annual Town Meeting (Article 40) in May, 1975, and the $20 fine passed August 15, 1978, Special Town Meeting. Anna Hartjens, Town Clerk, says she has sent the Massachusetts Attorney General, Francis Bellotti, copies of the recent warrant, the original vote (1975), and the latest Town Meeting vote. She requested also that he act on it so the Town would know where its law stands in relation with State Statutes. She has not heard from him as of August 27.

August 14, 1978

Dear (Legislator or Commissioner):

We are a group of concerned citizens of Wendell, Massachusetts who believe that one of our town laws is being violated deliberately and secretly by the United States Navy and the B&M Railroad.

On May 10, 1975 the annual Town Meeting of Wendell voted unanimously "to prohibit the transportation of radioactive fuels, waste, and nuclear weaponry within the limits of the town." We ask that this law be observed.

Our Conservation Commission has unsuccessfully tried to obtain information (by letter, May 1978) from the Navy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Department of Transportation about their plans for future compliance.

We ask you, as one of our legislators, to help us gather information concerning this issue and to report to our Conservation Commission before September 1, 1978. What kinds of nuclear waste materials are being transported through Wendell? When do these shipments occur? Please verify the use of "armed guards" on these trains. Are the Navy and the B&M Railroad planning to comply with our town's law in the future?

We are confident that you will be able to forward this information or direct us to a source that can give us accurate answers. Our Conservation Commission meets regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. You are cordially invited to attend a meeting for further discussion of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Wendell Concerned Citizens
Star Route Box 51A
Wendell, MA 01379

cc:Secy. of the United States Navy
Federal Railroad Administration
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
President Carter
Press and Counsel
State and Federal Legislators

Music Man Says Thanks

To the Editor & the Town of Wendell:

To all of those that gave me shelter, food, good conversation & a smile during my brief visit back 'home' to Wendell

THANK YOU!

Love

Jeff Hoffman

WENDELL POST

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Police Log

5/23/78 Camp of Dustin Putnam broken into.
6/24/78 Accident at intersection of Depot Rd. and Farley Rd.
7/13/78 Mrs. Herrick reported one half to three quarters of a cord of wood stolen from the front of her house.
7/22/78 Break at camp of Mrs. Castanguay.
7/25/78 Break at Ray Avery's house.
8/7 /78 Break at Sogard's house.
8/9 /78 Trash dumped on Locke Hill Rd. on Mr. Haddad's property.
8/12/78 Break at camp of Mr. McGregor on Cooleyville Rd.
8/13/78 Chain stolen from botton of Mason Phelps driveway.
8/15/78 Tape deck stolen from car parked at Fiske Pond.
8/15/78 Light shot out at Microwave Tower on Locke Hill Rd.
8/17/78 Dave Bardsley reported new posts missing along Depot Hill Rd. 12-15 posts stolen
8/21/78 Money stolen from Ted Lewis's paper box.
8/22/78 Town Garage broken into.

Wendell Pre-School To Open

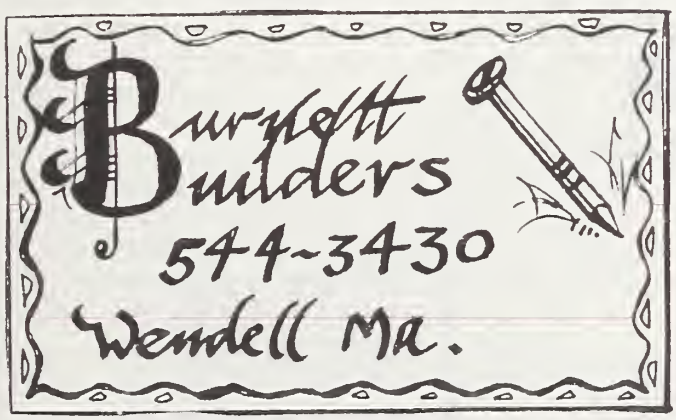
Passers-by have no doubt noticed the unusual amount of activity at the long-empty Center School building. A CETA carpentry crew is renovating the attractive old building in preparation for the opening of a pre-school in the Fall.

The pre-school is geared to youngsters ages three to five, with heavy emphasis on four-year-olds. The school may also be useful to older students with special education needs. School Committee member Claire Stewart explained that the pre-school is a Headstart kind of program, although it is open to people who would not be eligible for Headstart upon payment of a reasonable tuition fee.

The nursery school program, as well as the CETA crew renovation project, is financed from Federal funds. The town would pay toward this school only in the event that a Wendell student needed special education. If the pre-school were determined to be the best placement, the town would pay for the education of that individual student under the provisions of Chapter 766. Travel expenses for that student would be minimal in comparison to sending the child out of town to school.

The exact date of opening has not yet been set due to the renovation taking longer than expected. Claire anticipates that the pre-school will start only a week or two after Swift River School.

Interested parents should call Len Lubinsky at 659-3337 or Len Strauss at Swift River School.



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Penalty for willfully defacing, tearing down, removing or destroying a List of Candidates or Specimen Ballot — fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.

Paul Guzzi
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SEPTEMBER 19, 1978

SPECIMEN

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

TO VOTE MARK A CROSS | X | AT THE RIGHT IN THE SQUARE

SENATOR IN CONGRESS — Vote for ONE
- EDWARD W. BROOKE 535 Beacon St Newton
- AVI NELSON 37 Alberta Rd Brookline

GOVERNOR — Vote for ONE
- FRANCIS W HATCH, Jr Preston Place Beverly
- EDWARD F KING 64 Hastings St Boston

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR — Vote for ONE
- WILLIAM I COWIN 144 Grove Rd Newton
- PETER L McDOWELL 58 Dr Lord's Rd Devens

ATTORNEY GENERAL — Vote for ONE
- WILLIAM F WELD 78 Fayerweather St Cambridge

SECRETARY — Vote for ONE
- JOHN W SEARS 1 Negro St Boston

TREASURER — Vote for ONE
- LEWIS S W CRAMPTON 15 Bradford Street Boston

AUDITOR — Vote for ONE
- WILLIAM A. CASEY 61 Kenrich Rd West Springfield

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONCRESS — Vote for ONE
- Silvio O. Conte 93 Blythewood Drive Pittsfield

COUNCILLOR — Vote for ONE

SENATOR IN CENERAL COURT — Vote for ONE

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT — Vote for ONE
- Gerald I. Levitch 27 Cooke Street Greenfield

DISTRICT ATTORNEY — Vote for ONE
- John Finn 37 Prospect Street Greenfield
- Thomas G. Simons Taylor Hill Road Montague

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY — Vote for ONE
- Joseph P. LaChance 24 Gerrish Street Greenfield

COUNTY COMMISSIONER — Vote for ONE

COUNTY TREASURER — Vote for ONE

SHERIFF (To Fill Vacancy) — Vote for ONE
- Robert J. Carmody Tithebarn Road Colrain

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TO VOTE MARK A CROSS | X | AT THE RIGHT IN THE SQUARE

SENATOR IN CONGRESS — Vote for ONE
- KATHLEEN SULLIVAN ALIOTO 65 Pershing Rd Boston
- PAUL GUZZI 23 Ellis Place Newton
- ELAINE NOBLE 160 Commonwealth Ave Boston
- HOWARD PHILLIPS 30 Radnor Rd Boston
- PAUL E. TSONGAS 80 Marcus St Lowell

GOVERNOR — Vote for ONE
- MICHAEL S DUKAKIS 93 Perry St Brookline
- BARBARA ACKERMANN 87 Gerson St Cambridge
- EDWARD J KING 74 Elm St Worthington

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR — Vote for ONE
- THOMAS P O'NEILL III 44 West Cedar St Boston

ATTORNEY GENERAL — Vote for ONE
- FRANCIS X BELLOTTI 129 Hillside Ave Quincy

SECRETARY — Vote for ONE
- MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY 127 Montalban Ave Boston
- DAVID E. CROSBY 47 Fairmount Ave Brockton
- JOHN FULHAM 685 Rock St Fall River
- WILLIAM JAMES GALVIN Jr. 49 Monument Sq Boston
- JAMES W HENNIGAN Jr. 28 Dewolfe Rd Boston
- LOIS G. PINES 62 Bellevue Rd Newton
- ANTHONY J. VIGLIOTTI 685 Lake Ave Worcester

TREASURER — Vote for ONE
- ROBERT O CRANE 1 Meadowview Rd Wellesley
- LAWRENCE E BLACKE 81 Woodley Ave Boston
- PAUL R CACCHIOTTI 10 Byron Ave Everett
- LAWRENCE S OiCARA 84 Codman Hill Ave Boston
- THOMAS D LOPES 853 Belleville St New Bedford
- DAYCE PHILIP MOORE 3 Andersons Circle Braintree

AUDITOR — Vote for ONE
- THADDEUS BUCZKO 62 Burton St Lowell
- PETER G. MEADE 51 Corrotts St Boston

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONCRESS — Vote for ONE

COUNCILLOR — Vote for ONE
- Leo J. Turo 6 Shamrock Street Worcester
- Joseph P Genduso 43 Morgan Street Worcester

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT — Vote for ONE
- Robert D Wetmore Hubbardston Road Barre

REPRESENTATIVE IN CENERAL COURT — Vote for ONE
- William O. Benson 12 Church Road Leverett

DISTRICT ATTORNEY — Vote for ONE
- Donal T. Dunphy 23 North Main Street Williamsburg
- Salvatore A. Polito 4 Trowbridge Drive Easthampton
- W. Michael Ryan 8 School Street Hatfield
- Jonathan Zachary Souweine 201 North Valley Road Pelham
- Bernard J. Whalen Jr. 33 West Street, South Hadley

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY — Vote for ONE
- John A. Barrett 38 Congress Street Greenfield

COUNTY COMMISSIONER — Vote for ONE
- Everett B Hatch 310 Plain Road Greenfield

COUNTY TREASURER — Vote for ONE
- William J. Powers 40 Central Street Montague

SHERIFF (To Fill Vacancy) — Vote for ONE
- Donald J. McQuade 100 Elm Street Greenfield
- Ronald M. Andrews Stage Road Deerfield

A Walk Along Proposed Rt. 2 Path

An early morning walk through Wendell State Forest started out as a shortcut to visit a friend and ended up a hike along the path of proposed Rt. 2.

Walking into the rising sun last Sunday, my daughter and I bushwhacked from the north slope of Bear Mountain almost three miles to Wendell Depot across five beautiful running streams, three recently-travelled dirt roads, up and down, up and down again the ridges that descend in a north-south line to the Miller's River in northern Wendell.

Our impressions were of beauty in the cathedral-like forest stands, unshorn for decades, ...stillness in the sunlit mist as we descended into a vale...wildness where huge rotted hulks of trees testified to the terrain's security against logging tractors ...and steepness everywhere but on a few hilltops and plains.

When we broke out into a clearing for a power line we soaked in the sunlight. When we walked on a hillside below a spring we soaked in water. It was unvisited country, by any standards, and except in the eyes of an enterprising logger, all gloriously useless.

On one steep slope we came upon an oak tree 2 1/2 ft. at the base. Some of the steepest hillsides I've ever climbed stay securely in place held by vegetation that will hang in there forever...if allowed.

Halfway through our walk we glanced over and saw a rustic cabin off to our left, looking like the Hansel and Gretel house in the woods. It was the only house we were to see until we got to Wendell Depot. Beyond the little house, trackless wilderness falling away steeply to the Miller's River, then a widening plain and the mysteries of a place called Old Stoneville.

Of this ancient village in Wendell's bounds, the Rt. 2 Environmental Impact Statement says, "The village site of Old Stoneville is an excellent example of a small mid-19th century factory village plan which has remained virtually unaltered."

Kristy, my daughter, stood behind a stone foundation wall, made of enormous stones carefully cut and wedged, while I clicked a picture.

Hereabouts are the picturesque ruins of the hydroelectric station, the dam of which was wiped out in a hurricane, I believe the hurricane of 1938.

Past Old Stoneville, we started getting into civilization again. Power lines and service roads made the going easy, and gave us time to reflect on what we'd seen. It seemed to me we'd made a journey that shouldn't be made by automobile.
I carried Kristy on my shoulders for a few hundred yards, and I pictured trucks carrying their cargoes to and from Boston, Greenfield, and points between and around.
"Kristy," I said. "Get down." I didn't want to be the first.

We had never left Wendell State Forest, yet we had walked along the likely route of a planned superhighway. We had heard only the birds and the distant whump of Erving Paper Company, yet only time separated us from the rush and roar of 60-mph traffic. Clean was the air we breathed, yet suddenly dirtied by the image of that same air after it had travelled through the combustion system of tens of thousands of vehicles a day.

I have walked along the paths of planned highways before, and in each case, I am happy to report, hardworking ordinary citizens have brought these highway projects to a standstill. On the well-proven principle that it's never too late, the people of Wendell hold the future of this magnificent and perfect corner of town in their hands.

by Jonathan von Ranson

PRESS
Wendell Post Reporter

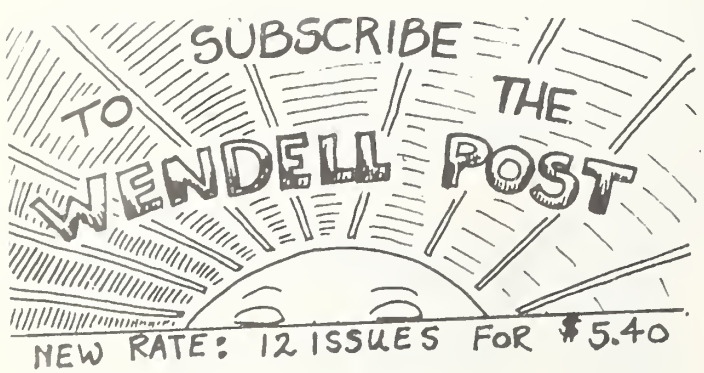
Lou on the Loose

Hello from Lou to you! These dog days of August find our local yodels doing anything but dogging it. Lou was hard-pressed just to catch up with some folks long enough to get their latest lowdown.

Fairchild have been around more lately, and are concentrating on refreshing their material for their three-piece group. If you caught them August 11, you saw their "most satisfying gig in six months", as bassist Larry Forbes put it. Over the next month or so, as they rework their material to include their accoustic side, look for them at Warwick again, and around Vermont.

Also at Warwick last month, Outerspace Band and friends helped make Old Home Day one to remember, as they boogied through close to 40 (!) gigs this summer. Sounds like more than just "reunions" to Lou, but Klondike says the fall will find the Spacemen back to work on their own things. At this writing, John Moses, Eliot Osborn, and Compton Maddox all have their own bands actively recording and playing in and around N.Y.C. (P.S., in the nostalgia department, trombone/fiddler "Uncle Al" Scheeren rejoined Space for a week of gigs in Al's home area, Northern Maine.

Wendell's own Bluesman Perry Howarth dropped by to jam a few tunes recently and, although he's not performing regularly, catch him when you can. His guitar is stronger than ever, his wit sharp as you can handle, and, as always, a performer of great style intensity.



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Loose Caboose has been taking their "Wendell Reggae" on the road this summer and will be continuing to expand their horizons in the fall. Five nights in the next two weeks will find them in the Boston area with trips to Portland, Brattleboro, and White River and Southern Connecticut already booked or highly likely. David's and the Rusty Nail recur in September; Caboose does indeed love to come home. To follow-up on last issue's column, the promoters at the Music Inn decided to go with only recording acts for the Reggae Fest, but they were very favorable towards the demo tape and came to see Caboose at the recent Rusty Nail showcase. Ask a Cabooser what's happening these days, and the reply has to be, "Busy, busy, busy!"

Same goes for Lou. To all of you music lovers out there, keep the faith and bye-bye 'til next time.

Lou Caboose

"Where To Buy The Farm In Wendell"
or
"Dead Man's Curve"

At the big curved intersection of Locks Village Road and Locks Hill Road the incautious driver, swinging a rapid left from and across the main road (Locks Village Road) to the side road (Locks Hill Road) often suffers a bad startle and a quick rush of adrenalin. Another car is approaching!!! Blinded on the right by an obstructed view of the road until almost through the oncoming lane, the unwary driver takes his/her life in his/her hands, leaving any future to the whim of fate. To minimize the duration of this death-defying moment, two differing schools of thought have arisen. The first holds that the faster you go, the less time spent in limbo. The other, a more cautious, but not altogether certain school, holds that a slow approach or even a halt in the middle of the road is best. You can be the judge. Try both, but cross your fingers every time.

The design of this intersection must have originated in different times, for another kind of traveler. Does anyone have a wee bit o' history to share about this intersection oddity?

Outdoors In Wendell

by Myron Becker

August: A month in the middle of summer known among fishing people as the "Dog Days". Air temperatures soar to the 100's and water temperatures correspond, steaming up into the 80's- great for swimming, but fish, being cold blooded, become the same temperature as their environs, which makes them sluggish and definitely not hungry. Even the Sunfish and Bass become lethargic and bury their faces in the cool muck at the bottom of the deepest holes in the pond. For a Trout purist like me, there are a few courses of action that may be followed:

Tactic #1 Fish at night or early morning, (difficult if you don't like to get up at 4:00 A.M. Fishing in the dead of night can be interesting, but don't count on getting home before midnight.)

Tactic #2 Dredge the bottom of deep lakes like Mattawa with lead core trolling lines, (not a particularly pleasant way to fish.)

Tactic #3 Go North.

So, North we went. Eight of us (2 staff and five kids from Maple Valley School, with Pat Jones as Wilderness Guide and lead guitar), four canoes and much gear and food to the remote Maine Wilderness five miles from the Canadian border on the Moose River, a major feeder stream of famous Moose Head Lake. Beautiful country, known for its wildlife and fine trout fishing. Beautiful and hot. Except for the presence of moose and eagles, it could have been Wendell. Six days on the water and not a trout in evidence. Oh well, it was a great experience and the kids loved it and learned a lot. (Myron can't always catch fish, for instance.) So much for Tactic #3, unless you have the time and bankroll to get to Labrador, or Northern Quebec, where things should be peaking out at this time of the year.

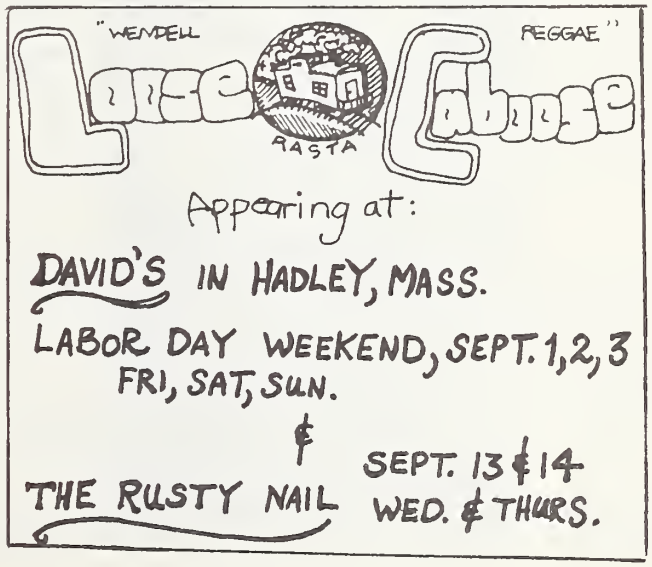
Tactic #4 Tie flies, swim, and read or think about the Spring past or the Fall coming.

Spring fishing this year was nothing short of excellent, with plenty of pan-sized Brook Trout in Wendell's streams and beaver ponds. There were Browns and Rainbows up to four pounds in Lakes Mattawa and Wyola, and the Deerfield, Swift and Sawmill Rivers. We also hear of a public Wendell pond holding a good hoard of Largemouth Bass up to six pounds.

Ask the right people, and you just might find out which one.

Spring is a pleasant memory, but the Autumn is my favorite time to fish and is an up and coming reality. With the cool, dry nights chilling the bodies of water, the fish respond with a rekindled hunger. The psychedelic foliage reflected in the blue surface of a favorite stream or pond creates a perfect medium in which to pursue the contemplative but devious act of trying to capture a wary meal. Flies immitating terrestrial insects such as grasshoppers, crickets or beetles floated among the fallen leaves are deadly. So are live grasshoppers or crickets on a light spinning rod or fly rod.

Flushing a wild partridge or deer makes one think of the imminent hunting season which should be great this year from the looks of the already evidently healthy game population in our bountiful town. Get out and breathe, stay quiet and wait. The Wendell outdoors will reward you.



Wendell Depot Station
Just A Memory

FOR YEARS WAS BUSY AND PROFITABLE
BUILT IN 1848--REMOVED IN 1942

Enterprise and Journal, December 3, 1942

Gone are the days when as many as 50 and 100 would get off the west-bound afternoon train at Wendell Depot and, after refreshing themselves at the Dexter House, take the evening train back to Orange, Athol, and points east. Also gone are the days when a brisk freight business was done out of the Depot, mostly in the form of crates of berries, eggs and other farm products. Likewise, the old Putnam general store has gone, so has the barber shop, so has about everything which suggested business, but the loss which is lamented as much as anything is the Boston and Maine railroad station which was torn down last month. Along with it went the so-called Farley station but in reality situated on land belonging to Wendell. The Wendell Depot station, built in 1848, was quite a structure for in addition to the waiting room and freight house there was a living room and kitchen on the north side with four bedrooms on the second floor. There was also a cupola but this was removed for good and sufficient reasons some 50 years ago. There was only one track when the station was built for the Vermont and Massachusetts railroad by Col. Joseph Cobb and included in the conveniences was a restaurant. Wendell Depot was even then quite a busy spot with sawmills, grist mills, and cider mills. Barker and Goddard were the leading business promoters of the time.

Mr. Brown, the telegraph operator, recalls that seven passenger trains a day would stop at the Wendell Depot station when business was at its best. Now one train stops, that going east at 6:45 a.m. and prospective passengers, if any have to wait by the side of the tracks. The last regular station agent was Robert R. Donegan but for the past nine years the station has had only caretakers. As for the Farley Station, Mr. Brown states, it was built in 1892 and its first station agents were R.J. Keep, G.H. Earley and Fred Davis. For many years when there was no regular station agent there, passenger tickets could be bought of C.E. Russell at the Farley store and the freight business attended to by the Ewing station. Time marches on-sometimes to the advantage of communities and sometimes, unfortunately, to their disadvantage. In Wendell Depot the latter is true, for what was once a thriving little community has become almost a ghost town. Floods, hurricanes and the disposition of people have all contributed to the vanishing processes but what can be done about it? Nobody seems to know the answer.

Special Town Meeting continued from pg. 1

Because new Revenue Sharing regulations require public hearings before appropriating those funds 3 related articles were defeated and one Annual Town Meeting article rescinded. They were to be used to buy radios for the Police and Fire Depts., and a road grader for the Highway Dept.

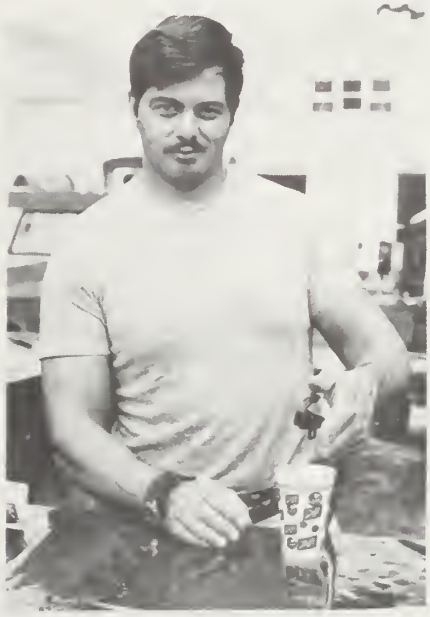
In an effort to reinforce and give legal strength to a 1975 article, a $20 fine was voted for violations of the Town Ordinance prohibiting transportation of radioactive material through Wendell. The fine would be applied against each instance of each item on the shippers manifest, or bill of loading. The size of the fine was limited to $20 because it would mesh with the Public Health Laws of the State. Much discussion centered on the enforcability of the Ordinance and the fine. Speaking to this matter, Conservation Commissioner Charles T. Smith said, "It may not be the wording the court would like.. but we were the pioneers (of similar ordinances enacted around the U.S.) and we did the best we could. It's a long time that he (The Mass. Attorney General) could have shot it down." A motion for the $20 fine passed unanimously.

Likewise the voters accepted 2 locations for bulletin boards to post official Town notices. An article to ask Selectmen to begin hearings for Small Cities Program Funding was tabled. Voters seemed reluctant to get involved in such a program when it remained unclear what regulations would be imposed with the program's acceptance.

OLD HOME DAYS

'ON THE COMMON'

Dunking Booth



Chief Chase at W. P. D. Concession

People Games

Outerspace Band Concert

Horseshoe Pitching

Selectmen's Minutes

July 18, 1978

Florence Blackbird was appointed assistant treasurer.

Orange Oil Co. will supply the fuel to the town buildings this year. (3.5¢ above tank car).

Paul McOwen requested an article for the next Special Town Meeting.

Jackie Ricketts asked when her corner would be repaired. Answer: as soon as a grader becomes available to shape up the road for tarring.

The Board decided to hold a Special Town Meeting on August 15th at 7:30 P.M.

The Library Trustees requested the use of the Hall on Saturday, August 12th, for a Folk Dance Festival. Tina Cohen will be in charge.

Planned the Special Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

August 1, 1978

The Board signed a letter to John J. McGlynn, requesting a public records project.

Jackie Ricketts complimented the road crew on the fine job they are doing on her corner.

David Bardsley discussed fences for Chapter 90 with the Board.

Bullard Pasture Road and several tarring projects were also discussed.

Joseph Diemand requested that the Board members inspect his new junkyard area on Mormon Hollow Road. The Board discussed the procedure for setting up a hearing for the extending of Joe's Junkyard license to include this new area.

Tom Tierney, Director of Camp Anderson, requested the use of Wendell's dump for the camp's rubbish. Permission granted for the remainder of this camp season (Aug. 19).

Discussed Bullard Pasture Road with Richard Wolfe.

Discussed the New Salem/Wendell school monetary situation (reimbursements).

Discussed Fire Department equipment with the Chief.

August 15, 1978

Mike Noble presented the Board with a summary of a Title VI C.E.T.A. project proposal.

The Board discussed the upcoming town meeting with Town Counsel. How to present motions, etc.

David Bardsley informed the Board that the loader might need a new head.

Travis Jury begin Sept. 11th - Mary Ellen Easterbrooks.

Discussed other road work with David.

Recessed at 7:30 for Special Town Meeting.

The Mail was read after the Special Town Meeting.

Anne Perkins requested one of Ken Simo's bulletin boards to be placed on her side of town.

Wendell Energy Conservation Report

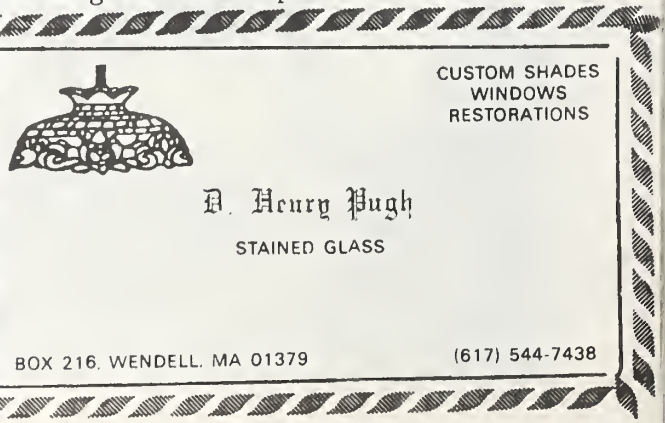
The Department of Energy (DOE) believes that the importation of oil will rise from nine million to twelve--sixteen million barrels daily in 1985. At this time oil will be at its maximum and will then rapidly decrease and be exhausted by 2020.

In the meantime we must convert our engines to other fuel, probably alcohol at first and perhaps eventually to hydrogen. Anything we can do to minimize the use of gasoline will be a plus.

Let us keep our cars tuned up, tires properly inflated, use car pools where possible and take a nieghbor shopping when you go. Please hold the speed under 55 mph and posted limits. Save gasoline and, more importantly, lives.

Free cord wood for citizens of Franklin County that qualify is available. Apply to Karen Pierce in the Co-op Building on Logan Ave. in Orange.

Free kindling for residents of Wendell. See Ken Wing at the Compacter Station.



From The Office of The Town Clerk

State Primary Election Information

All people who are registered "independent" can come up and vote and at that time ask for a Democratic or Republican ballot. The voter will, by this request, become registered as a member of that party. To remain an independent, see Town Clerk Hartjens after voting.

Telephone Tree All voters with known phone numbers were called by volunteers prior to the August 15th Special Town Meeting. If you were not called or have an unlisted number, but wish to take advantage of this service, call Town Clerk Hartjens and make arrangements.

Vital Statistics

Death — Gertrude Field, Main St., Wendell, June 26, 1978, at Eastwood Pines Nursing Home in Gardner.

Marriages — Martha A. Gillespie to Arthur Adams July 21, 1978, Bullard Rd., Wendell.

Karen A. Cummings, Athol to Wayne H. Keith, Farley Rd., Wendell, May 30, 1978.

JoAnn Healey of Amherst to Frank Judice of Wendell, July 22, 1978.

Marriage Intentions Filed — Ellis R. Brown, New Brain Tree, Mass. to Thelma Bellanger-Rouillet, Farley Rd., Wendell.

Robert R. Collins, Winchester, NH to Karen J. Bardsley, Wendell Depot Rd., Wendell.

Andrew S. Hamilton, New Salem to Robin Pierce, New Salem Rd., Wendell.

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Births — Rebecca Leigh Snyder born Feb. 13, 1978 at 9:00 P.M. at Franklin Cty. Public Hospital to Steven Eric Snyder and Susan Ellen Snyder of Wickett Pond Rd., Wendell.

Anna Rebecca Wetherby born April 5, 1978 at 5:20 P.M. at Franklin Cty. Public Hospital to Thomas Earl Wetherby and Sylvia Anne Whitney Wetherby of East Main St., Wendell.

Erin Migdol-Reffsin born July 1, 1978 at 2:37 P.M. at Franklin Cty. Public Hospital to David George Reffsin and Nancy Gal Migdol of Morse Village Rd., Wendell.

Gerrit Jon Hogerheide born July 12, 1978 at 12:33 P.M. at Franklin Cty. Public Hospital to Robert Merwin Hogerheide and Nancy Holopainen Hogerheide of New Salem Rd., Wendell.

Posting Place

Wendell's new Town Counsel is Attorney Gates, an associate of Callahan, Curtiss & Carey law firm of Greenfield. He may be reached at the office number, (413) 774-4331.

The State Primary will be Tuesday, Sept.19 in the Wendell Town Hall. Polls are open from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Swift River School will begin Wednesday, September 6

Social Note

Congratulations to Betty & Bill Thompson on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Many happy returns!

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Finance Committee member Ann Zak stressed that how the Town spends Revenue Sharing money is critical. She expressed the need for planned usage of the money by determining future needs and priorities. Ann further explained that all Revenue Sharing money must be spent within this fiscal year in order to receive it the next year.

Tony Kavolius, spokesperson for the Finance Committee in Chairperson Don Stone's absence, read the Committee's prepared recommendations for each warrant item. The recommendations were printed as handouts available to all that night and at the Special Town Meeting the following night.

June Lewis spoke for the Taxpayers Association. She related woefully that the Cherry Sheets are out and that Wendell's share of state aid will be less than this year. This coupled with the large number of abatement forms received, 150 with 104 abatements completed to date, was indication to June that the tax rate will have to go still higher. Said June, "It is impossible for three part-time assessors to re-evaluate the town. We could use one full time assessor or a firm. But we can't afford a firm." June Lewis announced her resignation as Chairperson of the Taxpayers Association.

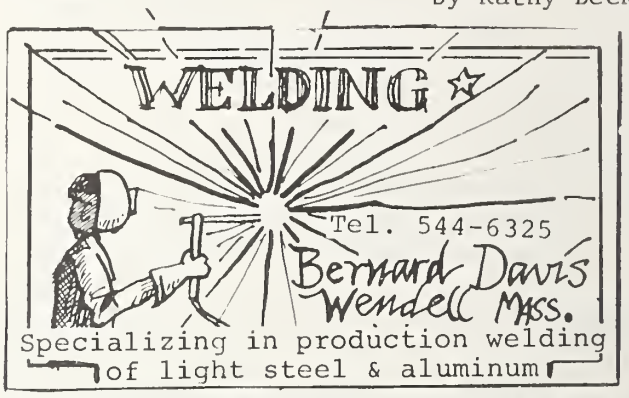
Discussion opened on the floor as the gathering rallied to meet the grim facts and tone of the previous statements. Ted Lewis emphasized the necessity of backing the assessors in an effort to bring the State-owned lands in Wendell up to 100% evaluation. Mrs. Herrick quickly brought out pertinent information on this matter. Another highlight of the discussion which involved many of those in the hall was by Emma Cappeluzo, who said,"Lets tell them (Boston) our socio-economic status. We are not a rich town. We should support any official who puts in an appeal to the State. We must gather data. Never mind dates [expired appeal dates]. Now is an emergency time. Let's support and pay the people who put in emergency time to set Boston straight." Feeling that what we do now will have an effect for the next decade, Al Diemand volunteered to be a "workhorse" in such an endeavor.

Simos, with June Lewis concurring, volunteered the Board of Selectmen and Assessors to take up the question of dealing with Boston on the tax issue. In a vote of those present, the people said, yes, do it!

When June Lewis adjourned the meeting, excitement was still high. Many, by the conversations, seemed to have overcome their anxiety in dealing with such a complex issue. This reporter felt a sense of group strength overcoming individual inadequacies.

To help keep it all more than talk, plan to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Taxpayers Association and Finance Committee, which will also be an election of officers. Lend your support Sept. 6 an 7:30 in the Town Hall.

by Kathy Becker



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